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Mr. Phil Metzger
US EPA
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Metzger:

I am pleased to be able to report that good progress continues to be made in our joint efforts to reach agreement on long-term improvements for California's Bay-Delta System. In the six months since I briefed you on Program status, a number of alternatives were developed, reviewed and refined. There are now 10 alternatives under discussion.

My staff and I will return to Washington in June to bring you up to date on Program status, explain the alternatives, and outline the process by which alternatives will be considered for analysis in Phase II (EIR/EIS) of the Program.

Significant elements are included in these proposed alternatives, many of which are of interest to your agency. These actions include major ecosystem restoration activities, actions to improve water quality, and actions to improve water supply reliability, which addresses the issue of Delta vulnerability. I hope you will join John Garamendi, Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior, Patricia Beneke, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, along with Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator of the Office of Water for the Environmental Protection Agency. Please feel free to bring along other agency representatives you believe should be part of this briefing.

For further information, contact Judy Kelly, Assistant Director-External Affairs, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, (916) 657-2666.

DATE: June 11, 1996
PLACE: Main Interior, Room 5160
1849 C Street, Washington D.C.
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Enclosure

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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